

## The Week In The Public Schools

## EVAN STEPHENS'S VISIT

Prof. Evan Stephens, director of the Tabernacle choir, Salt Lake City was a visitor on Monday and Tuesday at our schools. He visited every department during that time and listened to the work being done in music. He led the singing in some of the grades. On Monday evening he addressed a large assemblage of patrons and gave some wholesome advice and encouragement.

Mr. Stephens is perhaps one of the most critical judges of vocal music in the west inasmuch as he possesses such a fine knowledge concerning this particular phase of education. He was pleased with all that he saw in our schools both in music and general management. He said that the discipline which he observed was music to him also. The ready ability with which the children could read music was wonderful. The well controlled voices, clear but not loud, was perhaps the thing that pleased him most because he was asked by Miss Owen to leave a motto for each grade he did so by writing upon the board the following: "Sing Softly." He spoke in highest terms of praise for the work that is being accomplished by the pupils in music.

Tuesday from 11 o'clock until 12 an assembly was held in the Forbes building. Prof. Stephens conducted singing, talked to the pupils, and sang songs himself much to the joy of all present. He really was sorry when he had to go because he was inspired by the eager faces of the anxious children and said that his visit here was one of the pleasant events of his life and would always be kept in memory. After expressions of gratitude and three rousing "Rah, Rahs" for him by the pupils and upon promise of a future visit he broke away just in time to catch the noon train.

Miss Lottie Owen is to be especially thanked for his pleasant and profitable visit to our schools.

## ENTERTAINMENT PLEASES ALL.

The program given by the public schools on Monday evening was a financial and literary success although the tremendous crowd and inconvenient stage settings etc. were a handicap. It was impossible to maintain the kind of order that was hoped for although when we consider the great number of children who were upon the program and who had to be held in the back rooms on account of the stormy weather we are grateful that all went as well as it did. The school fund was enriched to the extent of about \$28. The patrons and all who assisted to make it the splendid success that it was are hereby being gratefully thanked by the faculty.

## BEGINNERS PRESENT HIWATHA.

Wednesday afternoon the work of the school was brought to a close by the primary grades participating in Thanksgiving program in their respective rooms. Over 160 beginners had a jolly feast in the forenoon, each having brought some delicacy for the occasion. Those grades also entertained other grades with a dramatization of "Hiwatha." This was given in the lower hallway of the Harrington and the honored guests, the Second, Third and Fourth grades, were seated upon the "royal highway to learning," on either side. It was indeed a beautiful sight to witness the little dusky maidens and the brave, highly painted warriors going and coming at the beck and call of the good Nokomes; all of which was done in the forest of the hallway, in the shadow of the great roof, in the schoolroom of the pal-fenced, in the happy home of childhood.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS.

The high school reports were sent out on Monday and the regular 4 week reviews have been held this week.

The Misses Lottis and Kate Owens spent Thanksgiving day at their home in Willard. Miss May Christensen was at Provo, Miss Clorice at Lehi and a number of our other teachers were in Salt Lake City.

B. W. Black went to Provo Thursday to participate in a reunion of the Millard county students who are now attending the university.

The school board have just completed a thorough visit to all the departments of the public school, while they visit more or less each month, it is their custom to make two thorough visits of three or four days each.

While no extra effort was put forth for Thanksgiving offerings, a goodly supply of food and clothing with a small amount of money was brought in by the children.

Some teachers from the South end of the county were visiting with us during the week.

## Ellen Clarke Surprised.

A little deception was appreciated by the good ladies of the Second ward Relief Society on Monday afternoon, when they cleverly surprised their fellow member and ex-president Mrs. Ellen Clarke. A good program was arranged, refreshments were prepared, and the interior of the building was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens, when Mrs. Clarke arrived prepared to go through a song practice with a few members. The house was filled with those she had labored with for years and she did not have to be told that it was a surprise party and that she was the innocent victim. Mrs. Standing of Lehi, president of the Alpine Stake Relief society and Mrs. Webb also of Lehi were present. The presidents and councilors of the four wards of this city were among the congregation and as the guest of honor gasped upon them, her eyes filled with tears she was unable to express her feelings for some minutes.

The program and refreshments were likewise enjoyed by all. Mrs. Clarke was presented with a beautiful black silk dress pattern as a token of love and friendship.

## Free Show For Old Folks.

Manager Bard of the moving picture show will entertain American Fork's old people at a matinee on Wednesday December 2nd. The program will be selected with special care to appeal to the older ones. She bishops of the four wards and Rev. Murphy have been requested to notify all of their people over sixty years of age. The entertainment will begin promptly at 3 o'clock and will last about two hours, thus enabling the honored guests to return home before it becomes dark.

## Neither Team Able to Score.

The American Fork high school football team and the Oregon Short Line team of Salt Lake City played a no-score game on the City park grounds at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The two teams were very evenly matched and played hard from the start. The forward pass was played with success, resulting in good gains. The playing in the first half was almost entirely to the American Fork ground, and in several instances some hard playing was necessary to keep the visitors' from scoring. During the second half the playing was confined to the visitors' territory, and they were called upon at numerous times to work hard to keep the local players from forcing the ball over the goal line. The visitors were penalized very often for off-side playing. The ground was covered with four inches of snow and made the field very slippery. However, taken all together, the game was one of the most interesting played this year on the local grounds.

Dickerson Governor Company  
Ready To Build Factory.

The Dickerson Automatic Governor company have purchased a building lot and will begin at once the erection of a suitable building in which to manufacture their governors.

They have placed an order for \$3,000 worth of machinery, most of which is held at Salt Lake subject to their order. They will erect a frame building and inside of sixty days expect to be turning out governors to fill orders that are awaiting them.

A company representative informs us that allotment of treasury stock has been subscribed for, there being but a few small orders to close up. They will not sell any more stock after this issue as the money in the treasury will meet all expenses until returns are received from the manufactured governors.

Their building will be located on Van street, east of Grants store.

## Much Afflicted Family.

Cedar Fort, Nov. 23.—Mrs. Alice Cook died here Saturday leaving her husband and three children, the youngest nine days old.

Ten minutes before her death her husband, William H. Cook, was taken from the house and conveyed to Salt Lake where he underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday at the Gloves L. D. S. hospital. Mrs. Cook is reported progressing favorably. The funeral of Mrs. Cook was held at the warehouse this afternoon. Consoling remarks were made by Bishop William Cook, Counselor J. E. Gars, Elder B. W. Driggs, President S. I. Chipman and John D. Yisdale. Mrs. Cook was beloved by all and was a devoted Church woman. She was the daughter of James and Fanny Chamberlain, born at Cedar Fort 29 years ago.

OUR MINES  
IN AMERICAN FORK DISTRICT.

## Machine Drills Now Working.

The first round of holes by the big machine drills at the Mineral Flat mine were drove Tuesday, with power from the new power plant. Everything worked perfectly and it is expected the development work in this property will now go ahead without a hitch.

The power plant which has been built by "Uncle" Jesse Knights at a cost of about \$10,000 to furnish power for his canyon mines has been no small undertaking. Heavy machinery had to be taken to the canyon, pipe lines laid, power house built and all the work had to be accomplished in about four months time, before the heavy snow was upon them.

J. C. Jensen, manager of the company has kept all available men and teams busy, not stopping on a wage consideration, and for the past month it has been difficult to secure sufficient teams to haul to the canyon when paid \$20 per ton. The work has been accomplished and the plant is now in operation.

The plant is sufficient to handle all the needs of the Knights interests in this district, which at the present time consists of three large properties, viz: Mineral Flat, Major Evans and the Miller Hill Consolidated, the latter of which has not yet been incorporated.

The Mineral Flat for the past year has been engaged in driving a tunnel some 1,200 feet in length, through which the company expect to tap at a great depth a fine vein of galena ore which was uncovered on top, and which appeared to be of a permanent character. The tunnel is the largest in size of any that has been driven in this district.

Due to the extremely high altitude of the Mineral Flat, everything necessary to a winter's campaign is being rushed to the ground, it being impossible to reach this place during a part of the winter.

## The Major Evans Board.

The results of the recent annual meeting of the Major Evans mining company was missed by The Citizen news gatherer. At this meeting Jesse Knights was elected president; J. C. Jensen, vice-president; R. E. Allen, secretary and treasurer with J. J. Jackson and J. W. Knight forming the board of directors.

C. D. Hanks was selected as superintendent of the development work at the mine. A block of 20,000 shares of treasury stock was subscribed for by Jesse Knights and associates. Substantial buildings have been erected and the winter's supplies are now at the mine and it is the company's intention to continue an active development campaign throughout the winter.

COUNT LEO TOLSTOI,  
THE FEARLESS

Russia's most beloved man has but few days yet to live. A friend of poor peasants, an enemy of oppression and still a realist, his life story is a romance. In the next issue of THE CITIZEN will appear a fascinating feature story with Tolstoi as its subject, under this caption:

Why Russia  
Worships Tolstoi

For a man the count is a friend of the people and a bulwark against measures of the Russian government, he has made a few enemies and millions of friends.

## HIS WORK IS ALMOST OVER

Little remains for this old man to do. He has been given long life to work good to stamp out evil, but a short season remains for him. He is ill today. Therefore his article in our next issue is timely in the extreme.

Handsome illustrated. It is to-day's topic. You should be posted. Read it—Next issue.

## A Good Proposition

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## AS OTHERS SEE US.

If we as a nation could get rid of a little of our monstrous, swollen egotism, it would be worth a great deal to us, financially, morally, educationally and in every other way. We are cut off from the rest of the world. All that we see of Germany, France and England is in the poor emigrants who, failing to make a living in their own country, come hitherward and the average American seeing them, supposes that he knows Englishmen, Germans and Frenchmen. The same may be said with reference to China and Japan. Our newspapers and superficial travelers abroad come back with the same flattering story. They are usually homesick and they tell us that America is good enough for them; then emphasize how much better it is than any other place in the world. It is of course better in some respects. The natural resources and wages, owing to exclusion, are better here than in any other country, but there is an immense deal for us to learn abroad, if it were possible for us to escape our provincialism and see ourselves as others see us.

Take for example, the tariff question which is now before the country and in which every man, woman and child in America is interested although few of them know it. Germany appointed a scientific tariff commission and from it evolved a tariff law which is fast distributing German wares and manufactures all over the world and is exciting the envy of Europe and especially of Great Britain, the country that has heretofore had a monopoly of the world's trade. But when the same plan of a tariff commission for the United States was suggested by Senator Beveridge of Indiana, a year ago, it was silently smothered in Congress, each member of which feels responsible, as he will doubtless be held by his constituents, for the particular selfish interests represented in his district.

What will be the course of revision in Congress is already apparent. With one interest insisting on the maintenance of the schedules that affect it and clamoring for reduction of the duties which affect some other locality, there will be such pulling at cross purposes that in the end we will have a tariff bill not one whit better than the one it is supposed to supersede.

Senator Elkins is not distinguished for wit, but he said the other day that we were all anxious to revise the other fellow's tariff. This is the whole story. The beet and cane sugar men in Louisiana and the northwest want the tariff on sugar sustained or increased. American millionaires who own Cuban sugar plantations want a reduction of the tariff; and so it is all over the country. Massachusetts, with her hundreds of shoe machines, wants a free importation of leather and hides from Brazil, Argentina and Mexico, but the western people, a thousand times more numerous than the operatives in the shoe shops of Massachusetts, want the tariff on shoes removed so that they and their children may have cheaper foot wear. All the rest of the country wants free iron and steel, but Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Northern Alabama insist on maintaining the present tariff. The difficulties of a proper adjustment appear indeed to be insuperable. A committee of experts would doubtless draft a more equitable tariff bill than would be possible in the present Congress, but after all the bill would not be enacted except through the medium of this Congress, and there you are.

The President has recently issued an order that marines shall no longer perform service aboard ship. The order was doubtless issued for purposes beneficial to the naval and marine services of the country and after serious and intelligent consideration by the President and the Navy Department. There has always been ill feeling between the sailors and the marines. This arose a hundred years ago when sailors were impressed and when marines were taken aboard ship to suppress mutinies and keep the sailors in subjection. These conditions have long since passed away. Sailors now volunteer and insubordination is almost unknown. The sailor is very much better treated and is a much superior type of man to his predecessor on the old sailing vessel.

There has been a recent naval review in Japanese waters when the Mikado stood beside Admiral Togo while 110 battle-ships passed before them in line. Captain Hobson and other alarmists will probably point to this naval procession as an argument for the increase of naval strength of the United States.

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## District Court Doings.

Mrs. Jennie Shelton, charged with adultery and held to the district court, has been released on motion of District Attorney Houtz. The complaint was sworn to by George Shelton, the woman's husband, and Mr. Houtz holds a husband cannot legally swear to a complaint against his wife. Joseph Gurr the man who was arrested with Mrs. Shelton, is still in jail, but hopes to get money from Vernal for a cash bail.

Judge Booth has appointed W. F. Henry of Provo and David A. Crandall of Springville jury commissioners for Utah county for 1909.

The following jurors to appear on the 30th have been drawn in the Fourth district court: Theodore Farley, Samuel Shumway, Lindon; C. W. Houtz, Mapleton; Jacob Huber, J. V. Manvi, Payson; William H. Sager, American Fork; W. A. Hudson, Santaquin; Oliver Christensen, Spanish Fork; R. R. Irvin, Provo.

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